

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A soft proofing system comprising:
a computer that specifies one or more viewing conditions for an image;
and
a viewing station that receives the image and the viewing conditions from the computer and automatically, displays the image if the viewing conditions are met subject to satisfaction of the viewing conditions at the viewing station and does not display the image if the viewing conditions are not met.
2. (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the viewing conditions comprise calibration information indicating a required calibration state of a display device associated with the viewing station.
3. (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the viewing conditions comprise calibration information that specify a maximum amount of time since a display device at the viewing station was last calibrated.
4. (Original): The system of claim 3, wherein the viewing station automatically prompts a user to calibrate the display device when the display device has not been calibrated within the maximum amount of time.
5. (Original): The system of claim 3, wherein the calibration information causes the viewing station to automatically prompt a user to calibrate the display device in order to view the image.
6. (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the viewing conditions comprise warm-up information that cause the viewing station to restrict display of the image when a display device of the viewing station has not been turned on for an amount of time.

7. (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the viewing conditions include information specifying one or more sharpening techniques to be applied at the viewing station.

8. (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the viewing station displays the image by converting image data from a first coordinate system to a second coordinate system and driving a display device according to the converted image data.

9. (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the viewing station does not permit modification of the viewing conditions.

10. (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the viewing station displays a notification in the event any of the viewing conditions are modified by a user at the viewing station.

11. (Currently Amended): A method comprising:
receiving image data and viewing conditions from a computer; and
restricting automatically the display of an image according to the image data at a viewing station when the viewing conditions are not satisfied at the viewing station.

12. (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein the viewing conditions comprise calibration information indicating a required calibration state of a display device associated with a viewing station.

13. (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein the viewing conditions comprise calibration information that specify a maximum amount of time since a display device at the viewing station was last calibrated.

14. (Original): The method of claim 13, further comprising prompting a user to calibrate the display device when the display device has not been calibrated within the maximum amount of time.

15. (Original): The method of claim 12, further comprising prior to displaying the image, prompting a user to calibrate a display device at the viewing station in order to view the image.

16. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying the image according to the image data only automatically when the viewing conditions have been satisfied and a viewing station has been turned on for an acceptable amount of time.

17. (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein the viewing conditions comprise warm-up information that specifies an amount of time, the method further comprising displaying the image according to the image data only when a display device at a viewing station has been turned on for the amount of time.

18. (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein displaying the image according to the image data comprises converting the image data from a first coordinate system to a second coordinate system and driving a display device according to the converted image data.

19. (Currently Amended): A method comprising:
receiving input from at a computer specifying viewing conditions for an image at a viewing station; and
sending the image and the viewing conditions from the computer to the viewing station, wherein the viewing station automatically displays the image if the viewing conditions are met ~~subject to satisfaction of the viewing conditions~~ at the viewing station and does not display the image if the viewing conditions are not met.

20. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 19, further comprising limiting access to the viewing conditions at the viewing station such that a user at the viewing station cannot change the viewing conditions.

21. (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium carrying program code that when executed at a viewing station:

allows the viewing station to receive ~~receives~~ an image and viewing conditions for the image from a computer; and

restricts automatically the display of the image at the viewing station when the viewing conditions are not satisfied at the viewing station.

22. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein the viewing conditions comprise calibration information that specifies an amount of time, wherein the program code when executed restricts display of the image unless a display device at a viewing station has been calibrated within the amount of time.

23. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 22, wherein the program code when executed prompts a user to calibrate the display device at the viewing station when the display device has not been calibrated within the amount of time.

24. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein prior to displaying the image, the program code when executed prompts a user to calibrate a display device at a viewing station in order to view the image.

25. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein the program code when executed restricts display of the image when a display device of a viewing station has not been turned on for an acceptable amount of time.

26. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein the program code when executed displays the image by converting image data from a first coordinate system to a second coordinate system and driving a display device according to the converted image data.

27. (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium carrying program code that when executed:

receives input at a computer specifying viewing conditions for an image; and

sends the image and the viewing conditions from the computer to the viewing station, wherein the viewing station automatically restricts display of the image unless if the viewing conditions are not satisfied at the viewing station and automatically displays the image if the viewing conditions at the viewing station are satisfied.

28. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 27, wherein the program code when executed limits access to the viewing conditions at the viewing station such that a user at the viewing station cannot change the viewing conditions.

29. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 27, wherein the viewing conditions comprise calibration information indicating a required calibration state of a display device associated with the viewing station.

30. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 27, wherein the viewing conditions comprise warm-up information indicating a required amount of time that a display device associated with the viewing station must be turned on.

31. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 27, wherein the viewing conditions include information specifying one or more sharpening techniques to be applied at the viewing station.

32. (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium storing an image file that includes image data and viewing conditions for the image file, wherein access to the image data of the image file at a viewing station is automatically restricted by the image file when the viewing conditions have not been satisfied at the viewing station.

33. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 32, wherein the viewing conditions comprise calibration information indicating a required calibration state of a display device associated with the viewing station.

34. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 32, wherein the viewing conditions comprise warm-up information indicating a required amount of time that a display device associated with the viewing station must be turned on.

35. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 32, wherein the viewing conditions include information specifying one or more sharpening techniques to be applied at the view station.

36. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 32, wherein the image file includes enabling data that can enable and disable the viewing conditions, wherein access to the image data at the viewing station is restricted by the image file when the viewing conditions have not been satisfied and the enabling data enables the viewing conditions, and wherein access to the image data is not restricted at the viewing station when the enabling data disables the viewing conditions.

37. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 32, wherein access to the viewing conditions within the image file is restricted such that only an administrator can change the viewing conditions.

38. (Currently Amended): A method comprising:
determining an amount of time that a display device at a viewing station has been turned on; and
restricting automatically the viewing of an image received from a computer with one or more viewing conditions when the display device has not been turned on for an acceptable amount of time as defined by the viewing conditions.

39. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 38, further comprising informing a user at the viewing station when the image can be viewed at the viewing station.
40. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 38, further comprising launching a calibration procedure at the viewing station only after the display device has been turned on for the acceptable amount of time.
41. (Withdrawn): A method comprising:
determining an amount of time that a display device has been turned on;
and
restricting a calibration procedure for the display device when the display device has not been turned on for an acceptable amount of time such that the calibration procedure can only be performed on the display device once the display device has been turned on for the acceptable amount of time.
42. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 41, further comprising restricting viewing of an image when the display device has not been turned on for the acceptable amount of time.
43. (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium carrying program code that when executed:
determines an amount of time that a display device at a viewing station has been turned on; and
restricts viewing of an image received from a computer with one or more viewing conditions when the display device at a viewing station has not been turned on for an acceptable amount of time as defined by the viewing conditions.
44. (Withdrawn): A computer readable medium carrying program code that when executed:
determines an amount of time that a display device has been turned on;
and
restricts a calibration procedure for the display device when the display device has not been turned on for an acceptable amount of time such that the

calibration procedure can only be performed on the display device once the display device has been turned on for the acceptable amount of time.

45. (Currently amended): A method comprising:
 - receiving an image and viewing conditions at a viewing station from a computer; and
 - restricting automatically an ability of a user to proof the image on a display device at the viewing station when viewing conditions have not been satisfied at the viewing station by not allowing the image to be displayed.
46. (Cancelled)
47. (Cancelled)
48. (Original): The method of claim 45, wherein the viewing conditions comprise calibration information indicating a required calibration state of a display device associated with the viewing station.
49. (Original): The method of claim 45, wherein the viewing conditions comprise warm-up information indicating a required amount of time that a display device associated with the viewing station must be turned on.
50. (Original): The method of claim 45, wherein the viewing conditions include information specifying one or more sharpening techniques to be applied at the viewing station.
51. (Withdrawn): A method comprising:
 - receiving an image and viewing conditions for the image at a viewing station from a computer; and
 - displaying the image on a display device at the viewing station with conspicuous marking indicating that the image is not verified when the viewing conditions have not been satisfied at the viewing station.

52. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 51, further comprising displaying the image with annotations, wherein the annotations are conspicuously marked as being added during non-verified viewing.

53. (Withdrawn): A computer readable medium storing a folder of images and meta data file associated with the folder, wherein the meta data file includes viewing conditions for all images in the folder, wherein an ability to display the images on a display device at a viewing station is restricted when the viewing conditions are not satisfied at the viewing station.

54. (Currently Amended): A soft proofing system comprising:
a computer that specifies one or more viewing conditions of a set of images ~~image~~ in a folder by setting the viewing conditions in a meta data file associated with the folder and sends the folder and the viewing conditions; and
a viewing station that receives the folder and the viewing conditions and displays one or more of the images in the folder ~~image if the viewing conditions are met subject to satisfaction of the viewing conditions at the viewing station and does not display the one or more images if the viewing conditions are not met.~~

55. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of viewing stations to receive the image and the viewing conditions and display the image subject the viewing conditions being satisfied at the respective viewing stations.

56. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the viewing conditions specify a specific color profile, and wherein the viewing station satisfies the viewing conditions by applying the specific color profile for preparation of the image.

57. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11, wherein the viewing conditions specify a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation, and wherein the viewing station satisfies the viewing conditions by applying the specific CMYK proof simulation.

58. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 11, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.
59. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 19, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific color profile for preparation of the image.
60. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 19, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.
61. (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific color profile for preparation of the image.
62. (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.
63. (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific color profile for preparation of the image.
64. (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.
65. (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 32, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific color profile for preparation of the image.

66. (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 32, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.
67. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 45, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific color profile for preparation of the image.
68. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 45, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.
69. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 51, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific color profile for preparation of the image.
70. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 51, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.
71. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 53, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific color profile for preparation of the image.
72. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 53, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.
73. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 54, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific color profile for preparation of the image.
74. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 54, wherein the viewing conditions include application of a specific cyan-magenta-yellow-black (CMYK) proof simulation.